

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation authorizes public agencies the option of contracting with private companies, including but not limited to the State of Idaho's portal manager, to pass the bank fees charged by credit card companies (i.e., MasterCard, Visa, Discover) for use of a credit card to users during an over-the-counter or online credit or debit card transaction with the public agency. It would also allow the public agencies the option of passing along an additional convenience fee associated with the convenience of paying online, which would allow agencies to recoup the cost of developing an online transaction system.

By authorizing this cost to be passed along to users, agencies will eliminate this cost of doing business electronically. This authorization is consistent with the current practice of public agencies accepting electronic payments over the Internet.

This legislation requires that any such fee agreements signed by State agencies must be approved by the Information Technology Resource Management Council ("ITRMC"), and requires that any convenience fee charge must be approved by ITRMC and the Director of the Department of Administration.

FISCAL NOTE

No General Fund impact.

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